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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The City College of New York President's Office 138<sup>th</sup> Street & Convent Avenue New York, NY 10031

Re: Follow-up to CERCLA 104(e) Letter Requiring Submission of Information,

**Safety Light Corporation Site** 

Dear Sir/Madam:

In July 2005, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") sent a certified letter to you requiring The City College of New York to provide information and/or documents relating to the Safety Light Corporation Site (the "Site"), pursuant to Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e). I have attached a copy of the Information Request for your convenience. Your Institution has requested numerous extensions from EPA to respond to the request, but you have never responded.

Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, authorizes EPA to pursue penalties in the amount of \$25,000 per day for failure to comply with that section or failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. Pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA") and the subsequent Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule, 61 Federal Register ("Fed. Reg.") 69360, (December 31, 1996), codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 19, ("Penalty Inflation Rule"), violations of CERCLA § 104 are subject to a new statutory maximum penalty of \$32,500 per violation for each day during which a violation occurs. In addition, providing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The information that you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

You must fully respond to the July 2005 Information Request, or adequately justify your failure to respond, within **ten (10) calendar days** from your receipt of this letter. All documents and information should be submitted to:

Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS62) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Civil Investigator Harry Steinmetz at (215) 814-3161 or have your attorney contact EPA's Assistant Regional Counsel site attorney Humane Zia at (215) 814-3454.

Sincerely,

Laura B. Janson, Chief Cost Recovery Branch

### **Enclosure**

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